

BIOMETRIC CHARACTERISTIC-ENABLED REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A wireless remote control device for use with television receivers, satellite down converters and similar devices, uses biometric characteristics of a user to determine the functionality to be imbued to the remote control device. A biometric scanner, such as a capacitive fingerprint scanner, coupled to a processor, compares scanned characteristics to stored characteristics to determine the identity of the user.

10 By using biometric characteristics to identify the user, passwords, PIN numbers, keys and other indicia used to establish authorization of a user enable the authorized user to access programming and subject matter unsuitable for or unintended for unauthorized users.

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